

BOROUGH OF DEVIZES

Annual Reports of the Medical Officer of Health for the Years 1947 and 1948

MR. MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit herewith my Annual Reports for the years 1947 and 1948 on the Public Health and Sanitary Administration for the Borough.

I have the honour to be,

Public Health Department,
The Chequers, Devizes.
30.viii.49.

Your Obedient Servant,

G. H. H. WAYLEN,
Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

			1947	1948
Area in acres	...	...	1391	1391
Population	...	...	8320	7430
Number of inhabited houses	...	...	2543	2613
Rateable Value	...	...	£48079	£49081
Product of 1d. rate	...	...	£192 : 1 : 4.32d.	£194 : 16 : 6.24d.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Live Births.

			1947			1948		
			M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total
Live Births	...	...	87	60	147	72	69	141
Legitimate	...	...	82	56	138	68	60	128
Illegitimate	...	...	5	4	9	4	9	13

Live Birth Rate.

Borough	...	...	17.67	19.0
England and Wales	...	...	20.5	17.9

Still Births.

Legitimate	...	...	3	3	6	1	3	4
Illegitimate	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—

Death Rate.

Crude Death Rate—Borough	...	11.66	10.36
Crude Death Rate—England and Wales	...	12.0	10.8

Deaths of Infants under One Year.

All Infants	...	...	3	2	5	3	—	3
Legitimate Infants	...	...	2	1	3	3	—	3
Illegitimate Infants	...	...	1	1	2	—	—	—

Infantile Mortality Rate.

Borough	...	...	34.0	21.27
England and Wales	...	...	41.0	34.0

CAUSES OF DEATH.

		1947			1948					1947			1948		
		M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.			M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
1.	Typhoid and Para-Typhoid Fevers ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	20.	Other Diseases of Circulatory System ...	—	2	2	1	1	2
2.	Cerebro-spinal Fever	—	—	—	1	—	1	21.	Bronchitis ...	2	1	3	1	—	1
3.	Scarlet Fever ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	22.	Pneumonia ...	8	2	10	—	2	2
4.	Whooping Cough ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	23.	Other Respiratory Diseases ...	—	1	1	1	—	1
5.	Diphtheria ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	24.	Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
6.	T.B. of Respiratory System ...	—	1	1	—	1	1	25.	Diarrhoea, under two years ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
7.	Other Forms of T.B.	—	—	—	—	—	—	26.	Appendicitis ...	—	—	—	—	1	1
8.	Syphilitic Diseases ...	1	—	1	1	—	1	27.	Other Digestive Diseases ...	—	2	2	—	—	—
9.	Influenza ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	28.	Nephritis ...	—	2	2	4	1	5
10.	Measles ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	29.	Puerperal and post abortion sepsis ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
11.	Acc. Polio Myelitis and Polio Encephalitis ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	30.	Other Maternal causes	—	—	—	—	—	—
12.	Acc. Encephalitis ...	—	1	1	—	1	1	31.	Premature Birth ...	—	—	—	1	—	1
13.	Cancer of Buc. cav. and Oesoph (M) and Uterus (F) ...	2	—	2	1	1	2	32.	Congenital Malformations, Birth Injuries, Infantile Diseases ...	1	1	2	1	—	1
14.	Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum ...	1	2	3	—	1	1	33.	Suicide ...	1	—	1	1	1	2
15.	Cancer of Breast ...	—	1	1	—	1	1	34.	Road Traffic Accidents	1	—	1	—	1	1
16.	Cancer of all other sites	8	4	12	3	2	5	35.	Other violent causes	—	2	2	1	—	1
17.	Diabetes ...	1	—	1	—	—	—	36.	All other causes ...	4	6	10	4	2	6
18.	Intracranial Vascular Lesions ...	7	5	12	2	7	9	Total for all causes		46	51	97	36	41	77
19.	Heart Disease ...	9	18	27	13	18	31								

The satisfactory features in the above table are :—

1. The absence in either year of deaths in childbed (29 and 30), and from Infantile Diarrhoea (25).
2. The absence of deaths from the more common infectious diseases; a single death from cerebrospinal fever (1947), and one annual death from acute infectious encephalitis.

The total numbers are too small for yearly variations to have much significance, but the fact that diseases of the heart and blood vessels account on an average for half of the yearly deaths, points to an ageing but healthy community.

GENERAL PROVISION FOR HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

Medical Officer of Health: G. H. H. WAYLEN, M.B., D.P.H., (Cantab.).

Sanitary Inspector: Mr. J. H. M. Jolliffe, A.M.I.S.E., A.M.Inst.B.E., M.S.I.A., C.S.I.B., M.R.I.P.H.H., whose appointment as Sanitary Inspector took effect from 1st November, 1946, terminated his service with the Council on the 25th November, 1948, and the Council have been without a Sanitary Inspector since that date.

Ambulance Service.

On 5th July, 1948, the ambulances previously serving the Devizes and District Hospital and the Devizes and Pewsey Joint Isolation Hospital, were taken over under the National Health Service Act, 1946, by the Wiltshire County Council and the previous Authorities superseded. Devizes is now a sub-district in the County Scheme.

Nursing in the Home.

Voluntary Nursing Associations were dispensed with on 5th July, 1948, the County then assuming full responsibility. The Devizes Nursing Society was wound up on July 5th, 1948, in its 82nd year. Nurse Ramsden continues to do the same work under the Wilts C.C. During 1947, nearly 80 (78) patients were under her care, 25 of them paying some fee, and nearly 2,000 (1,961) visits were paid.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.

Under the National Health Service Act, 1946, the following have been, or are now held, in Devizes :—

1. Ante Natal and Post Natal—Scout Hall (bi-weekly).
2. Infant Welfare Clinic—Wesleyan Schoolroom (bi-weekly).
3. Immunisation against Diphtheria—Wesleyan Schoolroom (monthly).
4. Orthopaedic—Scout Hall (weekly).
5. Tuberculosis—Devizes Hospital (weekly).

Maternity Services.

The only existing Maternity Home, Ivy House, is worked to capacity and cannot meet the demands made on it. Housing conditions within the Borough force many young mothers to be confined in hospital or otherwise outside the District. For example, the same midwives who serve the Borough also cover the Cannings Area, old third-district of the old Poor Law. They have kindly sent me the following return on their work during the years under review :—

	1947	1948
Maternity cases confined at home	100	80
Maternity cases sent away because of unsuitable home conditions	38	43

At the time of going to press, I am glad to report that a decision has been reached by the Western Regional Hospital Board to close the Devizes Isolation Hospital to infectious cases, and re-adapt it as a local maternity centre.

Hospitals.

Under the National Health Service Act, 1946, all hospitals serving your district, Voluntary or Rate-aided, are absorbed into the South-West Region. Those in Devizes join up with others in Chippenham and Malmesbury to form a Mid-Wilts Hospital Group.

DEVIZES & DISTRICT HOSPITAL.

The last Annual Report (1947) for the Devizes and District Hospital showed nearly 1,000 admissions for the year. The work of the X-Ray, Physiotherapy and Out-Patient Departments showed considerable increase. See below :—

Physiotherapy Department.

Out-Patient attendances	9,890
In-Patient attendances	1,755

X-Ray Department.

Out-Patients	2,074
In-Patients	417

Out-Patients' Department.

Number of Out-Patients	2,134
Number of attendances	18,376
Minor Operations	459

Major Operations under general anaesthesia totalled 54.

Since the new set-up, expensive equipment for clinical, domestic and office use has been readily forthcoming, but nurses have not. Unless a stream of new recruits of the right type starts to flow into the nursing profession, expenditure on equipment will be largely wasted. Whilst

an insufficient number of trained nurses continue to be over-driven, and only inadequate numbers of *very* varying capabilities apply for training as Student Nurses, hospital patients cannot get that standard of skill and care they may so hopefully expect.

DEVIZES & PEWSEY JOINT ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

The Hospital was re-opened at the end of April, 1948. Since July 5th, 1948, this hospital ceased to be a rate-aided institution and became a unit in the Mid-Wilts Group of Hospitals in the Western Region.

Cases admitted to the Devizes and Pewsey Joint Isolation Hospital during 1947 and 1948.

Diseases	Borough of Devizes		Devizes R.D.		Pewsey R.D.		Other Districts		Military Cases	
	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948
Scarlet Fever ...	3	6	5	8	2	1	1	6	—	1
Diphtheria ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cerebro Spinal Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles ...	12	9	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Whooping Cough ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rubella ...	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	9	—
Vincent's Angina ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas ...	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mumps ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Anterior-Poliomyelitis	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia and Influenza ...	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tonsillitis ...	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
Observation ...	3	2	—	5	—	1	—	1	1	—
Chickenpox ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pemphigus ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Tuberculosis ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total admissions :		1947—44.				1948—51.				

Diphtheria Immunisation.

DEVIZES BOROUGH.

Immunisation in relation to Child Population.

Number of children who had completed a full course of immunisation at any time up to 31st December, 1947.

Age at 31 : 12 : 47 i.e., Born in Year ...	Under 1 1947	1 1946	2 1945	3 1944	4 1943	5 to 9 1938-1942	10 to 14 1933-1937	Total under 15
Number Immunised	4	63	61	67	74	461	489	1219
Estimated mid-year population 1947	Children under five 669					Children 5 to 14 1105		1774

Age at 31 : 12 : 48 i.e., Born in Year ...	Under 1 1948	1 1947	2 1946	3 1945	4 1944	5 to 9 1939-1943	10 to 14 1934-1938	Total under 15
Number Immunised	10	105	96	76	74	428	507	1296
Estimated mid-year population 1948	Children under five 657					Children 5 to 14 1045		1696

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supply.

During the two years under review, water supplies held up well. For quantities pumped, see below :—

			1947	1948
Shepherds Shore	...	...	123,603,000 gallons	107,254,000 gallons
Bourton	...	...	54,771,000 gallons	79,052,000 gallons
	TOTAL	...	178,374,000 gallons	186,306,000 gallons
			1947	1948
Water supplied to Devizes	...		111,674,182 gallons	113,761,000 gallons
Water supplied to Rural Districts			15,588,000 gallons	14,238,000 gallons

Monthly analysis of water from Town Mains after chlorination was satisfactory. In 1947, a single sample from either place before chlorination was also satisfactory.

		1947	1948
Rainfall on Catchment Area	...	22.24 ins.	35.89 ins.

Drainage and Sewerage.

Both the Main, and Subsidiary Works at Breachfield, continue to be overloaded and give sub-standard effluents. The latter works have to deal with increasing intake from the new Housing Estates between Brickley Lane and Nursted Road. Samples of effluent were taken as follows :—

1947 ANALYSIS—Impure. “ This effluent does not reach Royal Commission Standard for B.O.D., and shows other evidence of inadequate purifications. It is, however, fairly well oxidised and would not cause serious nuisance unless dilution is very small.”

1948, MARCH —Unsatisfactory.

MAY —Unsatisfactory but unlikely to be polluting unless dilution is small.

Breachfield Works.

1947 —An unsatisfactory and polluting effluent. Impurity figure 52.

1948 —Unsatisfactory and most polluting effluent showing little or no evidence of oxidation. Impurity figure 26.3.

In 1948, three additional sludge beds were dug at the Main Works. In the spring of 1948, agreement was reached with the governing body of the Roundway Hospital by which, for a limited period, the sewerage from Breachfield would be admitted for treatment at the Hospital's own works, an activated sludge plant, but no work on this had begun by the end of 1948. The sewerage of the town is still unsatisfactory, and this problem calls for your serious consideration and early action.

Housing.

A report covering the two years 1947 and 1948, enables me to record solid achievement at last. The table below shows building progress at the end of each year under review :—

	1947		1948	
	By Local Authority	By Private Enterprise	By Local Authority	By Private Enterprise
Houses completed	12	13	58	12
Houses under construction	74	18	48	10
Houses authorised	—	—	24	—

Between November, 1946, and November, 1948, sufficient progress had been made on a Survey of Housing Conditions in the Borough to give a clear guide as to the extent to which old, unfit dwellings need to be replaced by new construction. Although as yet incomplete, this survey gave the following data :—

Total number of houses inspected	...	...	...	...	437
Number in categories "A" to "D" inclusive (i.e., houses capable of being made fit at reasonable cost)	...	...	...	...	85 (20%)
In category "E" (houses capable of re-conditioning at varying expenditure above two-thirds of estimated existing value)	...	...	...	...	69
In category "F" (houses which could not be brought up to standard by any kind of re-conditioning, regardless of expenditure)	...	...	...	...	257
In category "G" (houses with Demolition Orders already passed on them)	...	...	...	...	26

This survey covered three-quarters of the smaller dwellings in the town, those with a rental of 10/- per week.

In 1948, Demolition Orders were made on a group of three dwellings under one roofline, two of them structurally unsafe, and all needing such expenditure as the owner was unwilling to meet.

Throughout the two years the demands for any sort of home have been so numerous and urgent that further action could not be undertaken. To date, any dwelling neither structurally dangerous nor undoubtedly injurious to health, has still to be occupied: and conditions of overcrowding calling for statutory action have just had to be disregarded.

Towards the end of 1948, a check was made of the existing list of applicants for new Council houses, totalling 729. This reduced the figure to 465 genuine applicants. Of these, nearly three hundred (284) had no home of their own, and 178 were householders. A personal check gave me the following data in round figures :—

1. Applicants already in reasonably sound homes	...	...	...	50
2. Applicants from sub-standard houses of low categories (E - G)	...	...	...	100
3. Applicants lodging or living with relatives in the Borough	...	...	...	200
4. Applicants living outside Devizes	...	...	...	120

Were our housing allocation for the year 1949 (totalling 26) doubled by a supplementary allocation, and then re-doubled, it would barely enable your Authority to commence action on either Slum Clearance or Overcrowding. At the present standard of allocation and rate of construction, it will be years before "Slum Clearance" can begin. Completion of this survey may well add another 50 to categories "E" and "F" out of some 150 houses to be inspected.

When such action becomes possible, certain areas in the town could most effectively be dealt with as "Re-development Areas." Such are The Nursery—Avon Terrace area, and the Sheep Street—Hare and Hounds Street area. Plans of these sites, showing houses in their categories and respective ownerships, have been prepared for future use.

Though a small market town with little industry, our housing conditions are as bad as those in very many mining or industrial towns, and call for equal consideration from the 'powers that be.'

Any encouragement the State may give to owners to improve the standard of their larger and more repairable properties would be very welcome. Your Authority could well give a lead by installing needful domestic fixtures, improved domestic washing facilities, etc., in the larger of your seventy-odd sub-standard corporate properties. P.S.—At the time of going to press, such action has been taken on some of these.

House repairs have been confined to the remedy of gross defects, specifically complained of; not as the result of methodical inspections. Such would undoubtedly disclose similar defects to be widespread over the older properties.

This state of things calls for the formulation of a clear cut policy on repair work by your Authority, followed by the necessary action. Otherwise passive tenants will continue year by year to suffer conditions which their landlords should be called on to put right.

Unfortunately, the cost of house construction has risen so high that some of those most in need cannot accept the tenancy of your new houses when offered to them. Special provision needs to be made for old age pensioners, and for large families with low income, either by special subsidies or differential renting.

Public Cleansing.

The tip at Nursteed has been better kept during the years under review, and, the summers being generally cool, the fly nuisance has not been noticeable. The tipping, however, is in no sense "Controlled," and will need careful watching from June to September, when the ash contents of refuse bins is low, if nuisance to those living in the vicinity is to be avoided.

Shops.

No official action taken during these years.

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

A few dwellings were treated with "Zaldicide," but infestation occurring in some of the oldest and most dilapidated dwellings cannot be eliminated by anything short of gassing with H.C.N.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFICATIONS.

				1947	1948
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	7	20
Measles	...	...	...	73	108
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	31	5
Pneumonia (Ac. Prim.)	...	...	...	5	1
Dysentery	...	...	...	—	—
Erysipelas	...	...	...	—	—
Puerperal Fever	...	...	...	—	1
Polio Encephalitis	...	...	...	—	1
Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	—	—

There were no notifications of diphtheria during the two years under review.

TUBERCULOSIS.

(A) Notifications :		1947				1948			
		Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary	
Age Group		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0—10		—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
10—15		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
15—25		—	2	—	—	—	2	—	1
25—35		1	1	—	—	1	—	1	—
35—45		—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—
45—65		1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
over 65		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS		2	3	—	1	3	4	1	3

(B) Deaths from Tuberculosis :

Age Group	1947				1948			
	Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0—10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10—15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—25	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
25—35	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35—45	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—65	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
over 65	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	—

Sanitary Inspector's Report for 1947

To—The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,
Borough of Devizes.

*Public Health Department,
St. John Street, Devizes.
1st February, 1948.*

MR. MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have much pleasure in reporting on the work carried out in the Sanitary Inspector's Department during the year ending the 31st December, 1947. It was the first full year since I commenced duties in November, 1946, and comprised an attempt to set in motion the wheels of a sadly neglected Department on account of staff shortages during the previous seven years and had to be carried out entirely by myself without any clerical assistance. The co-operation of the Officials of the Town Council greatly assisted in the endeavours to improve the sanitary conditions of the Town.

HOUSING.

During the year 1947, the systematic inspection of houses was re-commenced, and 119 houses were inspected and recorded in accordance with the provisions of the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1936. Detailed information was being compiled during the year for the consideration of two congested areas in the centre of the town as Re-development Areas under Section 34 of the Housing Act, 1936. The collection of the material necessary for detailed consideration of these Areas should be completed during 1948.

The execution of repairs is still causing concern as a large number of dwellings in the town which are worn out and unfit for habitation have still to be utilised for living accommodation. In view of the fact that, as soon as possible, these houses will have to be demolished, it is not possible to require owners to expend large sums of money, but nevertheless works of drainage, the repair of leaking roofs and other such urgent defects have been called for and at 114 houses such repairs were carried out during the year. The position regarding building labour and materials is still serious.

Housing Tables.

A. (i) Total number of houses inspected	...	...	...	...	381
(ii) Number of houses (included in sub-head (i) above) which were recorded in accordance with the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925/36	...	...	...	...	119
(iii) Number of houses in sub-head (ii) above which were found to be unfit for habitation	...	...	...	...	108

FOOD INSPECTION.

Food Premises.

There are no slaughtering establishments in the town, and the only meat inspection was carried out at butcher shops. It is pleasing to note that the cleanliness of meat-carrying vehicles has improved considerably, and no complaint regarding cleanliness was recorded in butcher shops.

During the year, all premises wherein food is manufactured, stored or sold for human consumption were inspected, and in only eight premises were breaches of Section 13 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938. All these breaches were removed with one exception, which will involve complete re-building of the premises, and an application for the requisite building licence had not been granted at the close of the year.

The food sold in the weekly market is inspected each week and none was found to be unfit. Some traders were depositing food on the road surface prior to sale, but this objectionable practice was soon stopped. It is interesting to note the increase in the number of food traders frequenting the Market on Thursdays.

The ice cream manufacturers are co-operating in compliance of the Ice Cream Heat Treatment Regulations, but no equipment had been installed by the end of the year owing to difficulties in obtaining supplies. One manufacturer of ice cream was brought before the Committee to show cause why his registration under Section 14 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, should not be revoked, but it was not cancelled as new premises were provided and the general cleanliness improved considerably.

Food Condemned.

The following foods were condemned during the year 1947 :—

Meat.

Home killed beef	...	...	...	...	...	...	91 lbs.
Imported beef	...	...	...	...	...	...	174 „
Pig Meat	...	...	...	...	...	...	22 „
Bacon and ham	...	...	...	...	...	...	16 „
Offals	...	...	...	...	...	...	25 „
Canned meats (mostly imported)	...	...	...	...	...	...	128 tins

Fish.

Wet fish	...	...	...	...	...	...	6 stones
Dry fish	...	...	...	...	...	...	84 „
Fish cakes	...	...	...	...	...	...	18 lbs.
Canned fish	...	...	...	...	...	...	95 tins

Other Foods.

Canned milk	...	...	...	...	...	...	682 tins
Canned baked beans in sauce and gravy	...	...	...	...	...	...	94 „
Canned vegetables	...	...	...	...	...	...	138 „
Canned soups	...	...	...	...	...	...	19 „
Meat and vegetable ration	...	...	...	...	...	...	28 „
Canned tomatoes	...	...	...	...	...	...	47 „
Canned fruit and fruit juices	...	...	...	...	...	...	36 „
Canned sausages	...	...	...	...	...	...	20 „
Canned spaghetti	...	...	...	...	...	...	4 „
Canned macaroni cheese in sauce	...	...	...	...	...	...	3 „
Canned chicken	...	...	...	...	...	...	2 „
Dried fruits	...	...	...	...	...	...	201 lbs.

Other Foods—(continued)

Toasted bread crumbs	...	...	...	...	...	112	„
Butter and margarine	...	...	...	...	...	13	„
Cheese	...	...	...	...	...	15	„
Pulses and cereals	...	...	...	...	...	331	„
Fresh fruit	...	...	...	...	...	2	„
Sugar	...	...	...	...	...	17	„
Sweets	...	...	...	...	...	8	„
Biscuits	...	...	...	...	...	5	„
Cocoa	...	...	...	...	...	1	„
Potatoes	...	...	...	...	...	560	„
Breakfast cereals	...	...	...	...	...	4	packets
Dried egg powder	...	...	...	...	...	7	„
Table jellies	...	...	...	...	...	4	„
Pickles and sauces	...	...	...	...	...	29	jars

VERMINOUS PREMISES.

Three verminous houses (bed bugs) were treated with D.D.T. solution, and there was no re-infestation.

RODENT CONTROL.

The Council appointed a full-time rodent operator who commenced his duties in February, and the systematic treatment of private dwellings, free of charge, proceeded with considerable success. The following comprises the estimated kills at various premises :—

			Rats	Mice
Private dwellings	...	...	294	3331
Business premises	...	...	515	459
Corporate properties	...	...	2410	—
Sewers	...	...	610	—

The rat population of the town has been considerably reduced on account of the extensive work carried out. The continuance of free treatment to householders will encourage the early notification of infestations and easier control over these pests.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. H. M. JOLLIFFE,

Sanitary Inspector.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

1. **Inspections** for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Number on Register (3)	Number of			M/c line No. (7)
			Inspections (4)	Written notices (5)	Occupiers prosecuted (6)	
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	41	15	3	nil	1
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	2	16	nil	nil	nil	2
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ...	3	38	nil	nil	nil	3
TOTAL		95	15	3	nil	

2. Cases in which **defects** were found.

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found					Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (7)	M/c No. line (8)
	M/c line No. (2)	Found (3)	Remedied (4)	Referred To H.M. Inspector By H.M. Inspector (5) (6)			
Want of cleanliness (S.1) 	4	1	1	nil	nil	nil	4
Overcrowding (S.2) 	5	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	5
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) 	6	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	6
Inadequate ventilation (S.4) 	7	1	nil	1	nil	nil	7
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) 	8	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	8
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)							
(a) insufficient 	9	3	2	nil	3	nil	9
(b) Unsuitable or defective 	10	1	1	nil	nil	nil	10
(c) Not separate for sexes 	11	1	1	nil	1	nil	11
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) 	12	nil	nil	nil	nil		12
TOTAL 	60	7	5	1	4	nil	60

There are no out-workers in the district.

SUMMARY OF WORK CARRIED OUT BY SANITARY INSPECTOR DURING 1948.

1. Summary of Inspections.

Houses inspected and recorded ...	289
Houses inspected but not recorded	252
Bakehouses inspected	13
Factories and workshops inspected	4
Food inspections	162
Other inspections	111
Houses and premises re-inspected	402
Miscellaneous visits	183
Rodent control visits	1,105
Dairies inspected	1
Disinfestations	1
Nuisances visited	3
Petroleum stores inspected ...	1
TOTAL ...	2,527

2. Condemned Food.

Meat.

Pig meat	22 lbs.
Imported veal kidneys ...	182 lbs.
Preserved whale meat savoury	12 lbs. 6 ozs.
Pig carcasses	1
Bacon	14 ozs.
Bovine liver	14 lbs.
Sausage and sausage meat	18 lbs.

Fish.

Cod	5 stones
Haddock fillets	2 stones
Dabs	4 stones
Plaice fillets	7½ stones
Fish cakes	20 lbs.

Canned Foods.

Canned fish	70 tins
Canned milk	334 tins
Canned meat	48 tins
Canned soup	28 tins
Canned fruit	67 tins

Canned fruit juice ...	3 tins
Canned vegetables ...	139 tins
Canned meat and vegetables	9 tins
Canned beans	21 tins
Canned baked beans ...	6 tins
Canned tomatoes and juice	14 tins
Canned tomato juice ...	3 tins
Canned fish paste	2 tins
Canned sausage	1 tin
Canned pudding	5 tins
Canned spaghetti	3 tins
Canned meat paste	2 tins
Canned macaroni	2 tins
Canned coffee	11 tins
Canned chocolate	2 tins

Other Foods.

Preserves	58½ lbs.
Dried fruit	138½ lbs.
Pickles	18 jars
Biscuits	1 lb.
Bottled fruit	43 jars
Cheese	9 lbs. 14½ ozs.
Breakfast cereals	3 pkts.
Imported cheese	16 boxes
Dried egg	1 pkt.
Frozen egg yolk	120 lbs.
Egg yolk	60 lbs.
Sugar	3½ lbs.
White flour	4½ lbs.
Cake flour	4 lbs.
Tea	½ lb.
Cake	1¾ lbs.
Butter and margarine ...	6 lbs. 10 ozs.
Gravy browning	1 pkt.
Macaroni	2 lbs.
Cooking fat	24 lbs.
Cereals	12 lbs.
Oatmeal	12 lbs.
Sauce	1 bott.
Sweets	34¾ lbs.